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To Whom It May Concern in FCC Leadership:

I do not want ISPs to have the power to block websites, slow them down, give some sites an advantage over others, split the Internet into "fast lanes" for companies that pay and "slow lanes" for the rest, or force me to buy special "tiers" to access the sites and services I choose. But that's exactly what the elimination of Internet neutrality would do.

Blocking & throttling by ISPs is a serious problem. Comcast has throttled Netflix, AT&T blocked FaceTime, Time Warner Cable throttled the popular game League of Legends, and Verizon admitted it will introduce fast lanes for sites that pay-and slow lanes for everyone else-if the FCC lifts the rules. This hurts consumers and businesses large and small.

If some companies can pay ISPs to have their content load faster, startups and small businesses that can't pay those fees won't be able to compete. This will kill the open marketplace that has enabled millions of small businesses and created America's 5 most valuable companies. Without strong net neutrality protections, Internet providers will effectively be able to impose a regressive tax on every sector of the American economy.

Moreover, under the plan to end Internet neutrality, ISPs will be able to make it more difficult to access political speech that they don't like. They'll be able to charge fees for website delivery that would make it harder for blogs, nonprofits, artists, and others who can't pay up to have their voices heard, severely hampering the first amendment to our Constitution.

Without net neutrality, every Internet user and business in this country will be open to abuse by Internet providers, and the consequences will be dire. Please denouncing any plan to eliminate Internet neutrality so that businesses and Internet users remain protected.

Thank you!

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